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Frequently Asked Questions for The Use of Public Right of Way

What is the public right of way?

The public right of way is any area outside of the private property which includes sidewalks, driveway, alley approaches, parkways, curb & gutters, streets, medians, and alleys.

What is a public right of way/street use permit used for?

This permit allows for the temporary use of the public right of way for construction related activities.

Can I have a permit to park equipment in the public right of way?

No. Street use permits are for construction activity such as loading and unloading, not for staff or equipment parking. The public right of way must be clear at the end of each work day.

What are the working hours for the public right of way?

In residential areas, the work hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. In commercial areas, work hours are typically nights, 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM or weekends. For commercial areas, each permit must be reviewed on a case by case basis. An After Hours Permit issued by Community Development is required for any work before 8AM M-F, after 6PM M-F, on Saturdays, and on Sundays.

Do you allow stockpiling in the public right of way?

Yes, but not past the permitted working hours. Also, loose loading is not allowed. (i.e.: You cannot dump a load of sand on the public right of way. It must be in a container.)

Are storage containers such as PODS allowed in the public right of way?

No. Storage units must be placed on private property only.

Can I get a permit to load and unload in the alley?

Yes, however, these permits are reviewed on a case by case basis. You will probably need a street use permit and a heavy haul permit. Also, this work will have to be coordinated with the sanitation department (310-285-2465) so that regular service is not interrupted.

How do I get a permit?

Please call 310-285-1141 to set up an appointment with a Development Specialist Technician (DST) and he/she can take your information to start the permit process.

What types of insurance do I need for a public right of way/street use permit?

Typically, general liability and automobile liability insurances are required. The limits of liability depend of the type of work being done. For three different insurance samples, follow this link http://www.beverlyhills.org/government/comdev/street_use_and_hauling_.asp and scroll down to the Applications and Handouts section.

Who is responsible for obtaining the public right of way/street use permit?

The home owner or the contractor performing the work may pull the permit.

Can I obtain my public right of way/street use permit online?

No, these types of permits must be done by appointment. Please call 310-285-1141 to set up an appointment with a Development Specialist Technician (DST).

How can I renew my public right of way/street use permit?

Renewals of these types of permits must be done in person by appointment. Please call 310-285-1141 to set up an appointment with a Development Specialist Technician (DST).

How much does a public right of way/street use permit cost?

The base cost is \$142.20 (FY 2009/2010), but additional fees (such as No Parking Signs) may apply. For the current fee schedule, follow this link http://www.beverlyhills.org/government/comdev/street_use_and_hauling_.asp and scroll down to the Applications and Handouts section.